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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 29, 2002, the Examiner is requested to enter the following amendments:

AMENDMENTS

IN THE CLAIMS:

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1. (Amended) A method of detecting the presence of at least one analyte in a sample, said method comprising:
- (a) contacting said sample with a population of tagged affinity ligands under conditions sufficient to produce said at least one analyte/tagged affinity ligand complex;
 - (b) contacting said at least one analyte/tagged affinity ligand complex produced in step (a) with an array of tag complements under hybridization conditions to produce at least one surface bound hybridization complex;
 - (c) detecting the presence of said at least one surface bound hybridization complex thereby detecting the presence of said at least one analyte.

Cancel ~~Claim~~ 2.

Cancel ~~Claim~~ 3.

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4. (Amended) The method according to Claim 1, wherein the magnitude of any difference in hybridization efficiency between any two tag-tag complement pairs employed in said assay does not exceed about 10 fold.

Cancel ~~Claim~~ 11.